GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH

ABSTRACT

Public Services – Prakasam District - Sri A.V.Ravi Sankhar, the then Mandal Revenue Inspector O/o Tahsildar, Marripudi, Prakasam District – Disciplinary proceedings under rule 20 of A.P.C.S (CC&A) Rules, 1991 - Articles of charges – Issued.

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REVENUE (VIGILANCE.III) DEPARTMENT

G.O.RT.No. 990 **Dated: 28-12-2020**
Read:-

G.O.Ms.No.379, Revenue (Vig.III) Department, Dated:18.07.2018

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ORDER:

It is proposed to hold an enquiry against Sri A.V.Ravi Sankhar, the then Mandal Revenue Inspector O/o Tahsildar, Marripudi, Prakasam District in accordance with the procedure laid down in Rule 20 of the Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (Classification, Control and Appeal) Rules, 1991.

2. The substance of the imputations of misconduct or misbehavior in respect of which the enquiry is proposed to be held is set out in the enclosed statement of Articles of charges (Annexure—I). A statement of imputations of misconduct or misbehavior in support of each article of charge is enclosed (Annexure-II). A list of documents by which, and a list of witnesses by whom, the articles of charges are proposed to be sustained are also enclosed (Annexure – III & IV).

3. Sri A.V.Ravi Sankhar, the then Mandal Revenue Inspector O/o Tahsildar, Marripudi, Prakasam District is directed to submit, within 10 days of the receipt of this order, a written statement of his defense.

4. Sri A.V.Ravi Sankhar, the then Mandal Revenue Inspector O/o Tahsildar, Marripudi, Prakasam District is informed that an enquiry will be held only in respect of those articles of charges as are not admitted. He should therefore, specifically admit or deny each article of charge.

5. Sri A.V.Ravi Sankhar, the then Mandal Revenue Inspector O/o Tahsildar, Marripudi, Prakasam District is further informed that if he does not submit his written statement of defense on or before the date specified in Para—3 above, further action will be processed based on the material available.

6. Attention of Sri A.V.Ravi Sankhar, the then Mandal Revenue Inspector O/o Tahsildar, Marripudi, Prakasam District is invited to Rule 24 of A.P.C.S (Conduct) Rules 1964, under which no Government servant shall bring or attempt to bring any political or outside influence to bear upon any superior authority to further his interests in respect of matters pertaining to his service under the Government. If any representation is received on his behalf from another person in respect of any matter dealt with in these proceedings it will be presumed that Sri A.V.Ravi Sankhar, the then Mandal Revenue Inspector O/o Tahsildar, Marripudi, Prakasam District is aware of such a representation and that it has been made at his instance and action will be taken against him for violation of Rule 24 of the Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (Conduct) Rules, 1964.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

V. USHARANI,
PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To

Sri A.V.Ravi Sankhar, the then Mandal Revenue Inspector O/o Tahsildar, Marripudi, Prakasam District through the Chief Commissioner of Land Administration, A.P., Vijayawada.

Copy to:

The Chief Commissioner of Land Administration, A.P., Vijayawada.
The Collector & District Magistrate, Prakasam District
Sf/Sc.

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ANNEXURE — I

ARTICLES OF CHARGES FRAMED AGAINST SRI A.V.RAVI SANKHAR, THE THEN MANDAL REVENUE INSPECTOR O/O TAHSILDAR, MARRIPUDI PRESENTLY WORKING AS DEPUTY TAHSILDAR, O/OTAHSILDAR, MARRIPUDI.

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Article of charge - I:

That Sri A.V.Ravi Sankhar, Deputy Tahsidlar, while working as Mandal Revenue Inspector, O/o Tahsildar, Marripudi Mandal has insisted the Writ Petitioners i.e Smt.B.Sumalatha, F.P.Shop No.14, Juvvigunta Village, Marripudi Mandal in W.P.No.39504/2014 and Sri Kola Srinivasa Rao, F.P.Shop Dealer, Sannamur Village, Marripudi Mandal in W.P.No.39510/2014 respectively to resign to their F.P. shops and obtained resignation letters from the dealers forcibly, which is ought not to be done by the individuals being public servants.

Thus, Sri A.V.Ravi Sankhar, the then Mandal Revenue Inspector presently working as Deputy Tahsildar, O/o Tahsildar, deliberately violated the rules, which amounts to misconduct and exhibited lack of integrity, devotion to duty which is unbecoming for Government Servant and thereby violated Rule 3(1) (2) of APCS (Conduct) Rules,1964. Hence the Charge.

Article of charge – II :

That Sri A.V.Ravi Sankhar, Deputy Tahsidlar, while working as Mandal Revenue Inspector, O/oTahsildar, Marripudi Mandal has advised the Fire Price Shop Dealer (Writ petitioner i.e Manchepalli Hanumantha Rao, Shop No.21, Kuchipudi Village of Marripudi Mandel to resign for his dealership, keeping in view of the change political sense in the village, which is ought not to be done by the individual being a Public Servant.

Thus, Sri A.V.Ravi Sankhar, the then Mandal Revenue Inspector presently working as Deputy Tahsildar, O/o Tahsildar, deliberately violated the rules, which amounts to misconduct and exhibited lack of integrity, devotion to duty which is unbecoming for Government Servant and thereby violated Rule 3(1) (2) of APCS (Conduct) Rules,1964. Hence the Charge.

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ANNEXURE – II

STATEMENT OF IMPUTATION OF MIS-CONDUCT IN SUPPORT OF THE ARTICLE OF CHARGE FRAMED AGAINST SRI A.V.RAVI SANKHAR, THE THEN MANDAL REVENUE INSPECTOR O/O TAHSILDAR, MARRIPUDI PRESENTLY WORKING AS DEPUTY TAHSILDAR, O/OTAHSILDAR, MARRIPUDI.

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The District Supply Officer, Ongole has submitted two enquiry reports of the Joint Collector, Prakasam dated 02.08.2016 in which the enquiry officer has recommended in different cases for initiation of disciplinary action against Sri P. Srinivasa Rao, Tahsildar, Marripudi Mandal and Sri A. Ravi Sankar, formerly Mandal Revenue Inspector, Marripudi Mandal for their lapses committed by them.

Case No.1:-

Sri Machepalli Hanumantha Rao, F.P. Shop Dealer, Shop No.21, Kuchipudi village, Marripudi Mandal has filed Writ petition No.36424 of 2014 before the Hon'ble High court against the orders of the respondents for not continuing him as an authorized Fair Price Shop Dealer of shop No.21 and making in-charge arrangements to another person to the same F.P.Shop.

After adjudicating the matter, the Hon'ble High court passed order with a direction that "For the above mentioned reasons, the Writ Petition is allowed with the direction to Respondent No.4 (RDO, Kandukur) to treat the petitioner as having never resigned from the post of the fair price shop dealer. Respondent No.2 (Collector (CS), Prakasam) is directed to examine the conduct of respondent No.5 (Mandal Revenue Inspector, Marripudi) and consider initiation of disciplinary proceedings against him for forcibly obtaining the resignation letter from the petitioner".

Accordingly, the Joint Collector, Prakasam has conducted enquiry and reported that the writ petitioner made specific allegations against Sri A. Ravi Sankar that due the unwanted pressure applied by the Revenue Inspector only, he has filed his resignation to the dealer ship. The Revenue Inspector (Respondent), official Sri A. Ravi Sankar has failed to prove the allegations leveled against him is false one with substantial material of evidence.

The enquiry officer further reported that Sri A. Ravi Sankar, the then Revenue Inspector, Marripudi, presently working as Mandal Revenue Inspector, Podili has advised the F.P. Shop dealer (Writ Petitioner) to resign for his dealership, keeping in view of the change of political scene in the village, which is ought not to be done by the individual being a Public Servant.

Finally, the Collector (CS), Prakasam recommended that action shall be initiated against Sri A. Ravi Sankar, the then Revenue Inspector, Marripudi, presently working as Mandal Revenue Inspector, Podili under APCS(CC&A) Rules, 1991 for the above lapses committed by him.

Case No.2:-

The F.P. Shop dealers of Marripudi and Kondapi Mandals viz (1) Snit. B. Sumalatha, F.P. Shop dealer, Shop No.14, Juvvigunta Village, Marripudi Mandal (2) Sri Inturi Ramanaiah, F.P.Shop Dealer, Shop No.21, Chavatapalem Village, Petluru, Kondapi Mandal (3) Smt. Kunamaneni Krishnaveni, F.P.Shop Dealer, Shop No.19, Mugachinthala Village, Kodapi Mandal and (4) Sri Kola Srinivasa Rao, F.P.Shop Dealer, Sannamur Village, have filed Writ Petitions No.39504,39508, 39509 & 39510 of 2014 respectively before the Hon'ble High court.

The Hon'ble High court passed a common order on 24.12.2014 in the above writ petitions observing that "The petitioners who are fair price shop dealers have a common grievance in these Writ Petitions. A perusal of the averment contained in the affidavits filed in support of these Writ Petitions show that the purported resignations of the petitioners are not voluntary and that the same were engineered. It is somewhat shocking that a series of resignations emanated from several dealers in

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Kondapi and Marripudi Mandals. This court has elaborately dealt with some such resignations in a bath of Writ Petitions and one of them being W.P. No.34982 of 2014, dated 25.11.2014. This court having found that without formal acceptance of the purported resignation of the dealers, respondent No.3 (RDO, Kandukur) has entrusted the distribution of essential commodities to third parties, disposed of the said Writ petitions.

The Hon'ble High court further directed the Respondent NO.2 (Collector(CS), Ongole) to enquire in to the conduct of Respondent No.5 (Revenue Inspector, Marripudi in W.P.No.39504, (Enforcement Deputy Tahsildar, Singarayakonda) in W.P.No.39508 and W.P.39509 and Respondent No.4 (Tahsildar, Marripudi) in W.P. No.39510 of 2014.

In pursuance of the above, the Joint Collector, Prakasam has conducted enquiry and found that Sri P. Srinivasa Rao, Tahsildar, Marripudi Mandal and Sri A.V. Ravi Sankar, formerly Revenue Inspector and Present Revenue Inspector, Podili seems to be insisted the Writ Petitioners to resign for their dealership, which is ought not to be done by the individuals being public Servants.

The Joint Collector, Prakasam has recommended for initiation of disciplinary action against the above two delinquent officials under APCS(CC&A) Rules, 1991 for the lapses committed by them since the both individuals insisted the F.P. shop dealer to resign to their F.P. shops and obtained resignation letters from the dealers forcibly.

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ANNEXURE – III

LIST OF DOCUMENTS BY WHICH THE ARTICLES OF CHARGE FRAMED AGAINST SRI A.V.RAVI SANKHAR, THE THEN MANDAL REVENUE INSPECTOR O/O TAHSILDAR, MARRIPUDI PRESENTLY WORKING AS DEPUTY TAHSILDAR, O/OTAHSILDAR, MARRIPUDI IS PROPOSED TO BE SUSTAINED.

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1. Report of District Supply Officer, Ongole, Rc.CS2/107/2015,dt.09.08.2016.
2. Joint Collector, Prakasam Rc.CS2/107/2015, Dated.02.08.2016.

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ANNEXURE — IV

LIST OF WITNESS BY WHOM THE ARTICLES OF CHARGE FRAMED AGAINST SRI A.V.RAVI SANKHAR, THE THEN MANDAL REVENUE INSPECTOR O/O TAHSILDAR, MARRIPUDI PRESENTLY WORKING AS DEPUTY TAHSILDAR, O/OTAHSILDAR, MARRIPUDI IS PROPOSED TO BE SUSTAINED.

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The Collector (Civil Supplies), Prakasam District, Ongole.

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